(d) what will be the total pay off for this VRS?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) As per Rehabilitation Schemes sanctioned by BIFR, no NTC mill is identified for Disinvestment/sell off. However, 66 unviable mills are proposed for closure to improve the overall viability of the sick NTC Companies.

(c) and (d) VRS has been proposed for the affected employees in 66 unviable mills involving a cost of around Rs. 1,665 Cr.

Recruitments by IAF

*235. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IAF has decided to go to professional institutions like NTs, RECs, Central Universities, etc., to recruit fresh graduates for its Force;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether IAF has revised HRD norms for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Appointment of fresh graduates from professional institutions, including NTs, is part of the on-going recruitment process of the IAF. Awareness campaign, recruitment rallies, advertisements in media, information dissemination through internet and visit to educational institutions by IAF officers are undertaken by the IAF to attract graduates.

(c) and (d) Human Resource Development (HRD) norms have not been revised. Candidates from NTs are exempt from appearing in the Engineering Knowledge Test. However, they have to undergo the remaining testing procedure at Air Force Selection Boards and be medically fit.

Effect of Globalisation oh carpet trade

*236. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether globalisation has hit Indian carpet trade; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Arrest of women during night hours

*237. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:
DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether existing rule/law permits arrest of women during night hours by policemen without presence of women police;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a recent judgment of the Supreme Court has allowed the arrest of women during night hours without presence of women police;

(d) whether any representation has been submitted against the above order of the Supreme Court; and

(e) if so, whether competent authority propose to initiate various measures to ensure that women are not arrested during night hours without presence of women police?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (e) The Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 does not specifically provide that presence of women police is necessary while arresting women during night hours by policemen. However, the Supreme Court in its judgment dated 15th October, 2003 in Criminal Application No. 508 of 1996 with the Criminal Application No. 509 of 1996 in the case of the State of Maharashtra Vs. Christian Community Welfare Council of India and others have issued directions to the arresting authority that while arresting a female person, all efforts should be made to keep a lady constable present but in circumstances where the arresting officers is reasonably satisfied that such presence of a lady constable is not available or possible and/or the delay in arresting caused by securing the presence of a lady constable would impede the course of investigation such arresting officer for reasons to be recorded either before the arrest